106TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

S. 2943

AN ACT

To authorize additional assistance for international malaria control, and to provide for coordination and consultation in providing assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 with respect to malaria, HIV, and tuberculosis.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "International Malaria
- 5 Control Act of 2000".

1 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings: (1) The World Health Organization estimates that there are 300,000,000 to 500,000,000 cases of malaria each year. (2) According to the World Health Organiza-
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(2) According to the World Health Organiza-
tion, more than 1,000,000 persons are estimated to
die due to malaria each year.
(3) According to the National Institutes of
Health, about 40 percent of the world's population
is at risk of becoming infected.
(4) About half of those who die each year from
malaria are children under 9 years of age.
(5) Malaria kills one child each 30 seconds.
(6) Although malaria is a public health problem
in more than 90 countries, more than 90 percent of
all malaria cases are in sub-Saharan Africa.
(7) In addition to Africa, large areas of Central
and South America, Haiti and the Dominican Re-
public, the Indian subcontinent, Southeast Asia, and
the Middle East are high risk malaria areas.
(8) These high risk areas represent many of the
world's poorest nations.
(9) Malaria is particularly dangerous during

pregnancy. The disease causes severe anemia and is

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- a major factor contributing to maternal deaths in
 malaria endemic regions.
- 3 (10) Pregnant mothers who are HIV-positive 4 and have malaria are more likely to pass on HIV to 5 their children.
 - (11) "Airport malaria", the importing of malaria by international travelers, is becoming more common, and the United Kingdom reported 2,364 cases of malaria in 1997, all of them imported by travelers.
 - (12) In the United States, of the 1,400 cases of malaria reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 1998, the vast majority were imported.
 - (13) Between 1970 and 1997, the malaria infection rate in the United States increased by about 40 percent.
 - (14) Malaria is caused by a single-cell parasite that is spread to humans by mosquitoes.
- 20 (15) No vaccine is available and treatment is 21 hampered by development of drug-resistant parasites 22 and insecticide-resistant mosquitoes.

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SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE FOR MALARIA PREVENTION, TREAT-2 MENT, CONTROL, AND ELIMINATION. 3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress recognizes the growing international problem of malaria and the impact of this 4 5 epidemic on many nations, particularly in the nations of sub-Saharan Africa. Congress further recognizes the nega-6 7 tive interaction among the epidemics of malaria, HIV and 8 tuberculosis in many nations, particularly in the nations 9 of sub-Saharan Africa. Congress directs the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Develop-10 ment to undertake activities designed to control malaria 11 in recipient countries by— 12 13 (1) coordinating with the appropriate Federal 14 officials and organizations to develop and implement, 15 in partnership with recipient nations, a comprehen-16 sive malaria prevention and control program; and 17 (2) coordinating, consistent with clause (i), ma-18 laria prevention and control activities with efforts by 19 recipient nations to prevent and control HIV and tu-20 berculosis. 21 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is 22 authorized to be appropriated to the President 23 \$50,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2001 and 2002 to carry out this paragraph.

1 SEC. 4. COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION.

- 2 (a) In General.—In providing the assistance and
- 3 carrying out the activities provided for under this Act, the
- 4 Administrator of the United States Agency for Inter-
- 5 national Development should work in coordination with
- 6 appropriate Federal officials.
- 7 (b) Purpose.—The purpose of such interagency co-
- 8 ordination and consultation is to help ensure that the fi-
- 9 nancial assistance provided by the United States is utilized
- 10 in a manner that advances, to the greatest extent possible,
- 11 the public health of recipient countries.
- 12 (c) Provision of Information to Recipient
- 13 Countries.—The Administrator of the United States
- 14 Agency for International Development shall take appro-
- 15 priate steps to provide recipient countries with information
- 16 concerning the development of vaccines and therapeutic
- 17 agents for, HIV, malaria, and tuberculosis.
- 18 (d) Information Specified.—The Administrator
- 19 of the United States Agency for International Develop-
- 20 ment should provide to appropriate officials in recipient
- 21 countries information concerning participation in, and the
- 22 results of, clinical trials conducted by United States Gov-
- 23 ernment agencies for vaccines and therapeutic agents for
- 24 HIV, malaria, and tuberculosis.
- 25 (e) Consideration of Interaction Among
- 26 EPIDEMICS.—The Administrator of the United States

- 1 Agency for International Development should consider the
- 2 interaction among the epidemics of HIV, malaria, and tu-
- 3 berculosis as the United States provides financial and
- 4 technical assistance to recipient countries under this Act.

Passed the Senate October 19 (legislative day, September 22), 2000.

Attest:

Secretary.

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